

*A message from Barbara S. Fishleder
PLF Director of Personal and Practice Management/ OAAP Executive Director*

We greatly appreciate your commitment to lawyers in Oregon. As a Bar Leader, you are in a unique position to help us help lawyers. You will find that members of the legal and judicial community contact you for information and clarification about where to turn for assistance. In order to assist with that process, I am writing this brief overview of the extensive practice management and personal assistance services offered by the Professional Liability Fund and the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program. We really appreciate your interest in our programs and your willingness to help us spread the word to members of the legal community.

It is our hope to help lawyers and judges function as effectively as possible. To accomplish this we offer practice management attorneys that work directly with lawyers at their law office; hundreds of free forms and checklists; and free handbooks that explain trust accounting, setting up and running a law office, tips for sole practitioners, and Oregon statutes relating to Time Limitations. Lawyers and law firm staff do not need to reinvent the wheel – they just need to access the resources of the PLF!

We also offer personal assistance through the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP), where our attorney counselors provide assistance to lawyers, judges, and law students with stress management, time management, problem alcohol and substance use, career transition, depression, anxiety, retirement, and much more. All of our services are completely confidential. There is no downside to accessing the OAAP.

We are also available to present CLE programs for free to Bar Associations, law firms, and law related organizations. We can present on a wide range of topics – from Avoiding Malpractice to Working with Difficult People. If you are interested in arranging a free CLE program, contact me.

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the rich treasure of information found on our websites. To visit the PLF website, go to www.osbplf.org; to visit the OAAP website, go to www.oaap.org.

Thank you very much for your time and for helping us to help lawyers. Please feel free to call me or email me for more information. I am happy to provide you with whatever you need.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Fishleder
Director of Personal and Practice Management Assistance
barbaraf@osbplf.org
503-684-7425